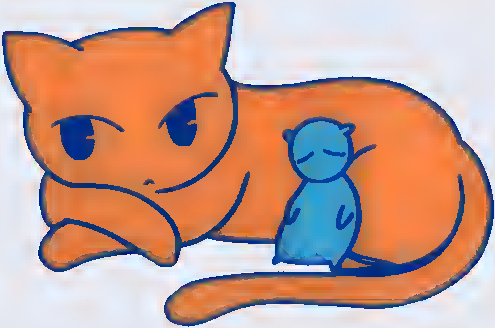

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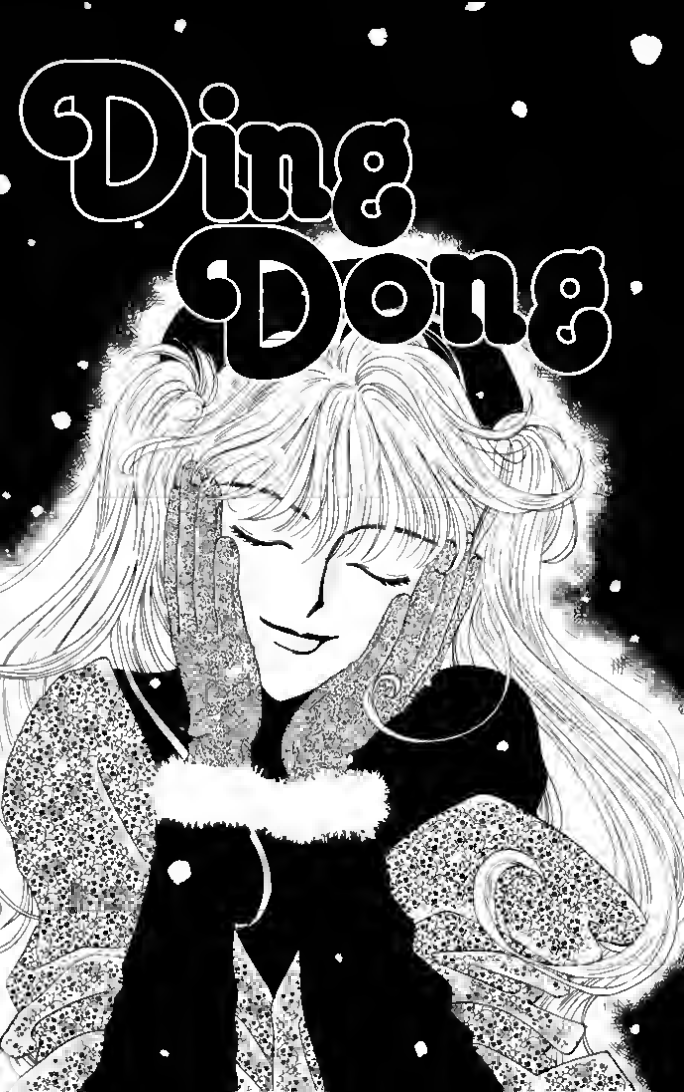
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HE LEFT ME BEHIND WITH SHIZUKO-SAN, WHO HE HAD JUST RECENTLY MADE HIS .
SECOND WIFE
WITHOUT WAITING FOR WINTER, MY FATHER DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT
AH! SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE EATING
CHISATO-CHAN, WHAT ABOUT BREAKFAST?
CHUNK
CHUNK
AH...
AH! ENOUGH ALREADY
I'M GOING TO END UP BEING LAAATE!

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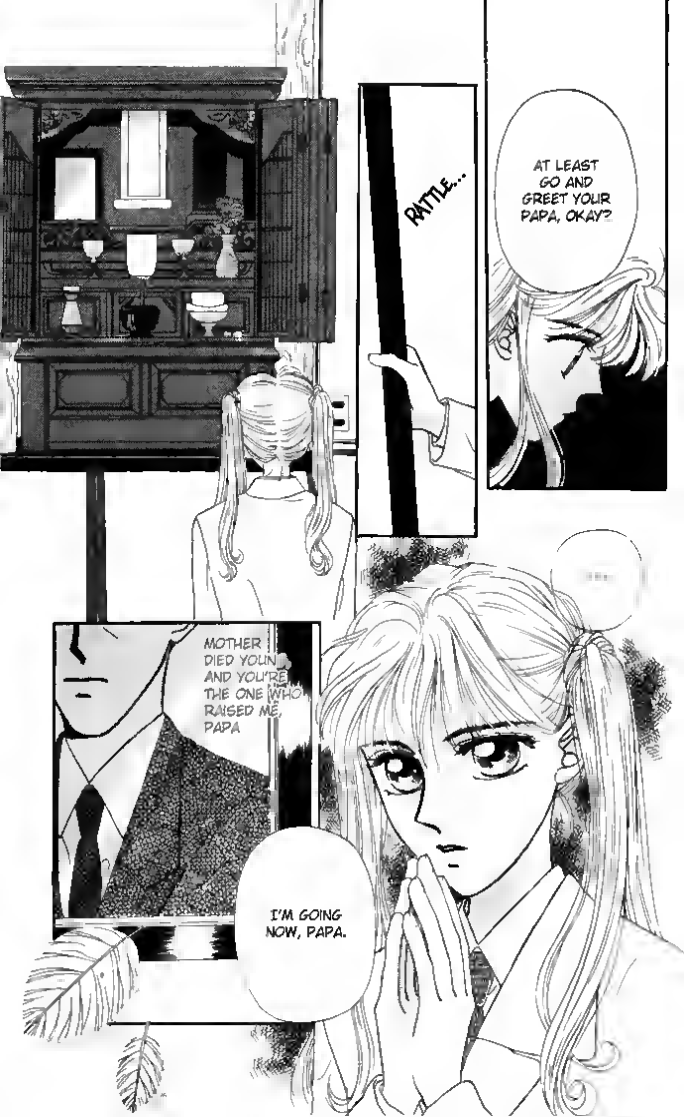
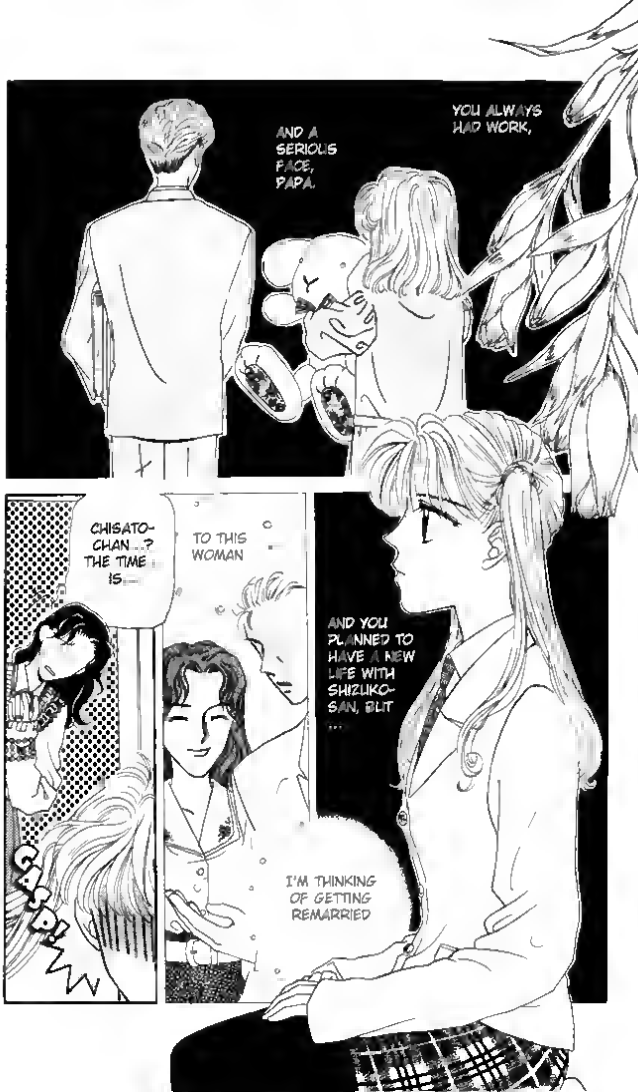

AT LEAST GO AND GREET YOUR PAPA, OKAY?
RATTLE...
MOTHER DIED YOUN AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RAISED ME, PAPA
I'M GOING NOW, PAPA.


YOU ALWAYS HAD WORK,
AND A SERIOUS FACE, PAPA.
AND YOU PLANNED TO HAVE A NEW LIFE WITH SHIZUKO-SAN, BUT ...
I'M THINKING OF GETTING REMARRIED
TO THIS WOMAN
CHISATO-CHAN...? THE TIME IS—
GASP!

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I WILL
Shut
I WONDER
COME HOME SAFELY.
IF THIS WOMAN WILL LEAVE THIS HOUSE IN THE NEAR FUTURE
"WILL YOU LET ME BE LIKE A SECOND MOTHER TO YOU?"
IS ME
IN JUST THREE MONTHS, SHE WOUND UP A WIDOW. FROM NOW ON THE ONLY LIFE SHE HAS

WHIIISH
Brake!
SLEPT IN LATE, DID YA? CHISATO.
TAKA-HIRO!
LUCKY!
GIVE ME A LIFT TO THE STATION! ♡
Erg
I'M YOUR ELDER!
SONNY-BOY CAN'T YOU HEAR WHAT YOUR SOCIAL SUPERIOR IS TELLING YOU?
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Tee hee hee
SUCH IS THE SAD FATE OF A SOCIAL INFERIOR.
YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE MONTH ON ME I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE PROUD OF THAT.
Learn to control your compulsion. You're shorter than I am, dammit.
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EVERY YEAR, PRESENTS WOULD ARRIVE FROM MY GRANDPARENTS.

BUT. .

THE ONE THING I WANTED MOST WAS TO RECIEVE THINGS FROM HIM. .

AND I DIDN'T NOT EVEN ONCE

WHAT...
ARE YOU DOING, SHIZUKO-SAN?
AH...
...I SUDDENLY ...
FELT LIKE I WANTED TO SEE YOUR PAPA'S SUITS.
WITH THAT
TROUBLED-LOOKING,
BEWILDERED LOOKING
PAPA!
DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.

AAH, THIS STAIN
HE WAS ALWAYS DROPPING THINGS WHEN HE WAS EATING, WASN'T HE?
THERE WAS JUST NO HELPING THAT MAN
THE WOMAN WHO LOVED "PAPA"

Part 2

It's gotten to the point where I can't talk about anything but "Ankoku Hime" ("Princess of Darkness") or "Boku ga..." ("Because You") without getting too nostalgic. I don't know what I can talk about any more (smile). "Ankoku Hime" was a painful time. I had a fever of 40 degrees C (104 degrees F), and I thought for sure it was going to be a bust. I used to wonder why these painful "ugh" types of memories were resurrected every time I thought about that work, but that all changed when the CD came out. Joy! (grin) I felt like "Thank you Ankoku Hime! Bravo!" ♪

"Boku ga" ended up being completely different from what the title implied and was a somewhat painful work. Since I wrote it after "Tsubasa" ("Wings"), I was told something like "I bet you could write something like this..." & Somehow when I think about it now, it feels like "Boku ga" is a pop piece and "Voice" is a classical piece. Not bad eh!♪

I WONDER...
IF SNOW WON'T FALL.
QUIT IT. THIS SNOW TALK DISTRACTS ME.
I'M NOT AFRAID. IT'S JUST EMBARRASSING
AAAHH!
THE HIGH SCHOOL HOPEFUL IS AFRAID OF SCREWING UP!
UH
IT'S OKAY, EVEN IF YOU SCREW UP
YOU'RE GONNA ATTEND AN ALL GIRLS SCHOOL, AREN'T YOU?
JUST COME TO MY HIGH SCHOOL, THEN! ♡

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IF IT WON'T SNOW...
I WONDER
YOU'RE A MORON! NO WAY AM I GOING TO A SCHOOL WHERE THERE ARE NO BOYS AROUND ----!!
YOU CAN SHUT UP NOW.
I WISH I WAS DREAMING THIS...
...WHAT IS IT?
DINNER WILL BE READY SOON
AH!
WELCOME HOME, CHISATO-CHAN

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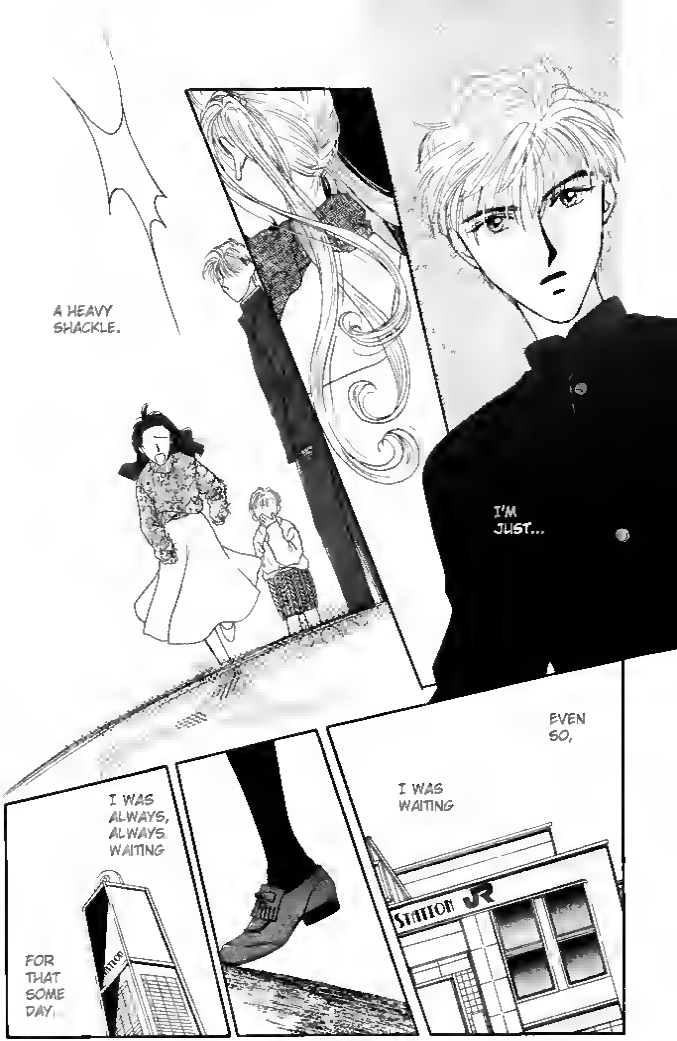
SIZZLE
'TIS THE SEASON FOR HOT POT AFTER ALL
YOU LIKE IT, RIGHT?
BROOM
AH
WE'RE HAVING HOT POT?
FLOOD
AAH
IT'S ALL RIGHT, I GOT IT
ARE YOU SURE?
Ack
Ow! Hot!
YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!!

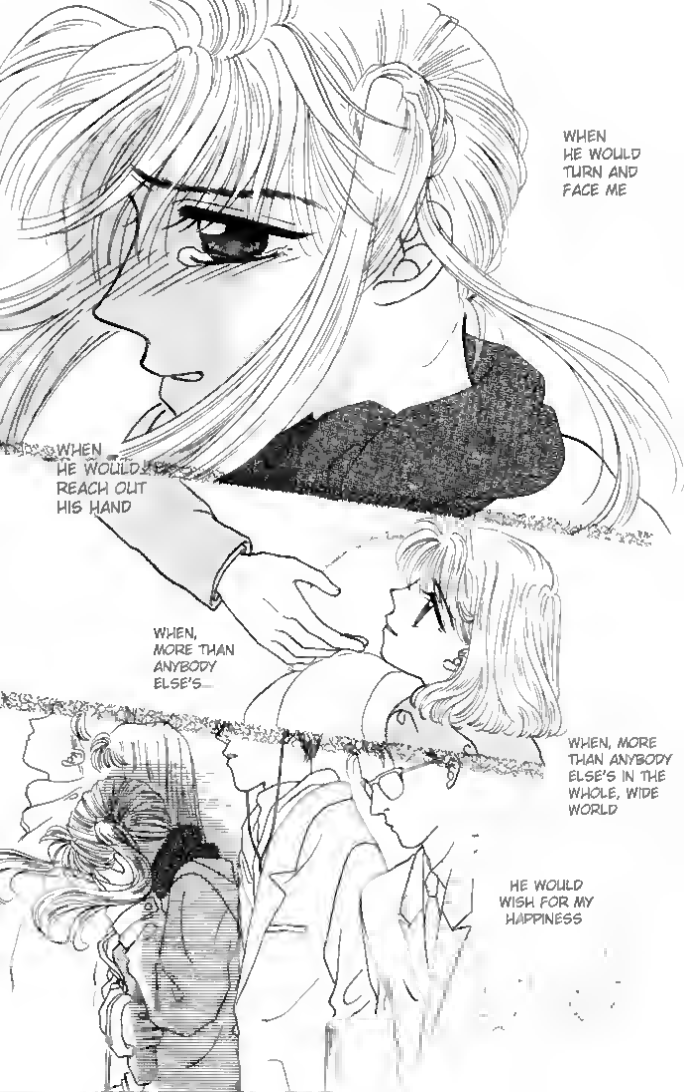
SIZZLEEEE
clacle clacle
EVEN THEN

OH, MY GOOD MORNING, SHIZUKO-SAN.
AH! TAKAHIRO-KUN'S MOTHER
Good morning!
I WAS WAITING
ALWAYS WAITING...
IT GOT SO COLD LAST NIGHT THAT I THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE SNOWED.
IT CERTAINLY DID.
SAY,
I GUESS I HAVE TO SAY IT JUST GOING ON AS YOUNG AS YOU ARE WITH A CHILD AS GROWN AS CHISATO-CHAN...
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE IN THAT...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'LL DO AFTER THIS?
EXCUSE ME?

I...
AH...
DON'T YOU FEEL SHACKLED DOWN?

YOUR PAPA AND I...
BOTH LOVE YOU VERY
LIES.
I KNEW IT
I'VE ALWAYS
KNOWN IT...
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!
IT'S ALL LIES.
WHERE'S THE PROOF OF IT?


A HEAVY SHACKLE.
I'M JUST...
EVEN SO,
I WAS WAITING
STATION JR
I WAS ALWAYS, ALWAYS WAITING
FOR THAT SOME DAY.


WHEN HE WOULD TURN AND FACE ME
WHEN HE WOULD REACH OUT HIS HAND
WHEN, MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE'S—
WHEN, MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE'S IN THE WHOLE, WIDE WORLD
HE WOULD WISH FOR MY HAPPINESS

SLIDE

IS IT OKAY...
FOR YOU TO MISS CLASS?
.....
SAY.
DID YOUR DAD REALLY HATE YOU THAT MUCH?
IT'S ... ... JUST
HE DIDN'T MIND ME AT ALL.
EVEN THOUGH SHIZUKO SAN...
WOULD OCCASIONALLY TALK ABOUT IT, HE WOULD JUST MAKE HIS TROUBLED FACE

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I HAVE NONE—
I HAVE NONE AT ALL?
IT'S BECAUSE I
AAH.
I

ALL I EVER WANTED...
WERE THINGS FROM HIM
CHISATO-CHAN!
THANK GOODNESS! I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE SCHOOL SAYING YOU HADN'T COME YET.
I WORRIED THAT YOU'D GOTTEN INTO AN ACCIDENT OR SOME-THING...

ALL I EVER DID
WAS WANT THINGS
FOR MYSELF
EVEN THOUGH YOU LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND THAT WAY.
HE HAD FORCED IT FROM ME.
WHETHER I CRIED OR SCREAMED
JUST TO TURN AROUND
AND BE GIVEN EVERYTHING
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S THE WRONG WAY TO DO IT.

I JUST WISH I COULD TELL HIM
UH...
WHAT I WISH.
YOUR PAPA WAS...
VERY CLUMSY, YOU KNOW.
UP UNTIL YOUR MOTHER PASSED AWAY, YOUR PAPA HAD BEEN LEAVING YOU ENTIRELY IN HER CARE, RIGHT?
HAVING NO IDEA ON HOW TO CONNECT WITH HIS OWN DAUGHTER.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR YOUR PAPA, WHO HAD SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE WORKING, TO HAVE TO START AT ZERO WITH YOU.
BUT,

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I'M ALWAYS THINKING OF THE CHILD, AND YET
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S JUST ONE WORD I SHOULD SAY...
Geez!
This is going to turn into a problem!
I KNOW
HE NEVER ONCE CONSIDERED HANDING YOU OVER TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS.
I GUESS THAT GOES TO SHOW...
HOW UNQUALIFIED I AM TO BE A FATHER
I know!
THE "PROOF" YOU WANTED EXISTS!
YOU COME SEE TOO, TAKAHIRO-KUN
IT'S WONDERFUL

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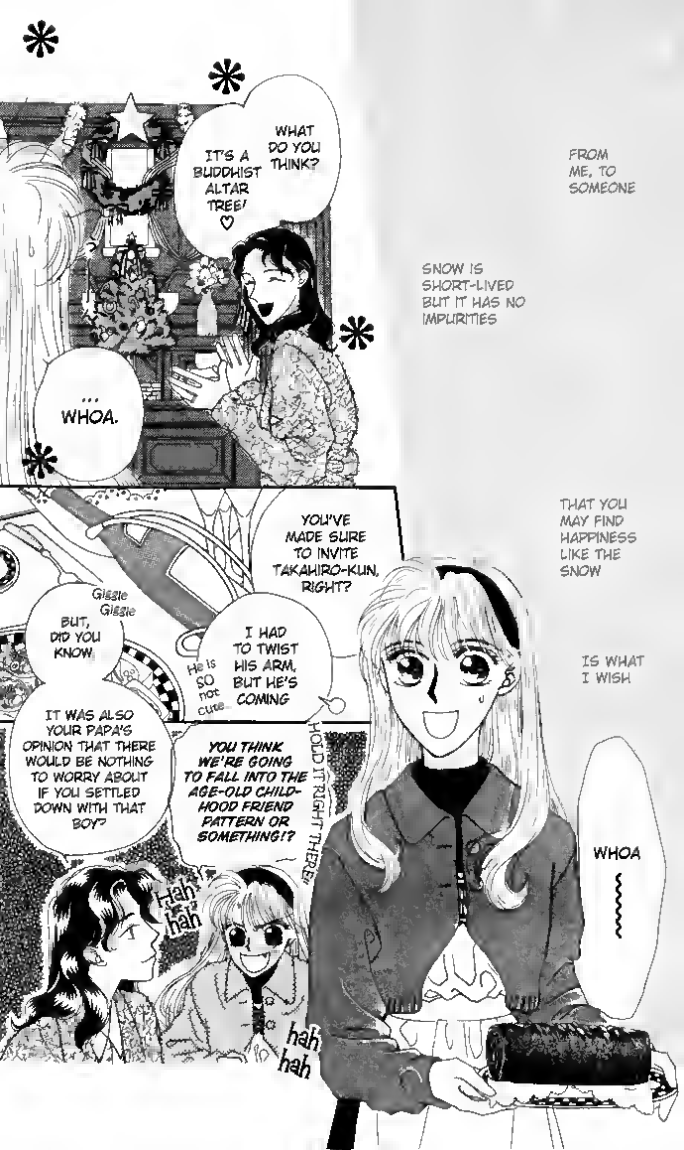
PAPA'S STUDY?
CLICK
YES
OPEN THAT CLOSET
AND TAKE A LOOK
?
Creak
PRES-ENTS
FROM YOUR PAPA TO YOU, CHISATO-CHAN
AAH!?
TUMBLE
TUMBLE
TUMBLE

Ding Dong

OH, MY. THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS EVERYTHING HE WENT WITHOUT GIVING HER UNTIL NOW.
SO SHE SAYS, BUT... THERE'S SO MANY
See?
I'm not sure I would have used the word "wonderful."
THIS IS JUST LIKE THAT OLD MAN
Heh!
I KIND OF... HAVE TO LAUGH!
Heh heh!
Hee hee hee!
AND ALL THE WHILE, MAKING THAT SERIOUS FACE...
OH, PAPA...
DON'T

BE DEAD TO ME ANY-MORE
LET'S NOT...
LET'S NOT HAVE ANYMORE REGRETS


WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S A BUDDHIST ALTAR TREE! ♡
...
WHOA.
FROM ME, TO SOMEONE
SNOW IS SHORT-LIVED BUT IT HAS NO IMPURITIES
THAT YOU MAY FIND HAPPINESS LIKE THE SNOW
IS WHAT I WISH
YOU'VE MADE SURE TO INVITE TAKAHIRO-KUN, RIGHT?
I HAD TO TWIST HIS ARM, BUT HE'S COMING
Giggle Giggle
BUT, DID YOU KNOW,
He is SO not cute
IT WAS ALSO YOUR PAPA'S OPINION THAT THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT IF YOU SETTLED DOWN WITH THAT BOY?
YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO FALL INTO THE AGE-OLD CHILDHOOD FRIEND PATTERN OR SOMETHING!?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
Hah hah
hah hah
WHOA

!!
MMPH
MAMA
OF COURSE, WE'LL MAKE HIM WORK A LITTLE HARDER TO GET YOU.
Won't we, Papa?
HAPPINESS RESOUNDS LIKE AN ECHO
WAAAAH!
'ALLO.
I'M COMING IN...
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW? I DIDN'T QUITE HEAR YOU!
EH?
EH!?
LIAR, YOU HEARD IT PERFECTLY WELL!
AT ALL TIMES
Ah...! Quit it, quit it! I know nothing about it!
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